

RESOLUTION
OF THE
MINNESOTA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY BOARD

Designation of Site and Issuance
of a
Certificate of Site Compatibility
for the
Pleasant Valley Station
MEQB Docket No. GRE-LEPGP-1-99

And

Designation of Route and Issuance
of a
Construction Permit
for the
345 kV High Voltage Transmission Line Tap
to
Connect the Pleasant Valley Station
and the
345 kV Bryon-Adams Transmission Line
MEQB Docket No. GRE-HVTL-1-99

Whereas, Great River Energy filed an application for a Certificate of Site Compatibility for a large electric power generation plant; and for a Construction Permit for a 345 kV High Voltage Transmission Line, both of which are proposed to be located in Pleasant Valley Township in Mower County, Minnesota; and

Whereas, the Minnesota Environmental Quality Board accepted the applications and initiated the site and route selection process, including environmental review, public participation and a public hearing, as required by the Minnesota Power Plant Siting Act and Minn. R. 4400; and

Whereas, the Administrative Law Judge conducted a public hearing and submitted Findings of Fact, Conclusions and Recommendation to the Board; and

Whereas, the Minnesota Environmental Quality Board has reviewed and evaluated the public record:

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Minnesota Environmental Quality Board approves and adopts the Findings of Fact, Conclusions and Order designating the Great River preferred site and route in the NW ¼ of Section 19, in

Pleasant Valley Township in Mower County, Minnesota and issues a Certificate of Site Compatibility and Construction Permit for the Pleasant Valley Station Project in Mower County, Minnesota.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Gene Hugoson, chair of the Board, is authorized to sign the adopted Findings of Fact, Conclusions and Order, and the Certificate of Site Compatibility for the proposed Pleasant Valley Station and Construction Permit for the proposed 345 kV high voltage transmission line.

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